

This 'book' consists of the papers filed with the Tennessee Courts in a case regarding whether the elected president of a neighborhood association has any right to an impeachment trial before being overthrown by malcontents. Must Roberts Rules of Order be respected when incorporated within the Bylaws? Or, in Tennessee, does ancient English common law apply instead? In hindsight, one might ponder whether the Courts' indifference to this small 2011 coup de théâtre somehow harbingered the 2021 US Capitol Insurrection.

Green v. Jones went before the Chancery Court, then the Court of Appeals, and the outcome was twice considered by the Tennessee Supreme Court. The final outcome of the case is that Tennessee courts are forever forbidden to intervene in the affairs of any club or "voluntary association" regardless of what has transpired. Dirty tricks, lies, and unethical plots are beyond the reach of Tennessee courts when club \$\$\$\$ is not involved. Some would argue that this is for the best overall, as it leaves individuals free to associate with whomever they please and free to ignore rules/truth whenever expedient. But insofar as rule-by-the-most-ruthless/devious is allowed/encouraged, Tennessee's hands-off stance is both lamentable and short-sighted.

Several states have adopted a very different stance, recognizing that civilization has progressed over the centuries. Tennessee could have become one of those states, but in this lawsuit Tennessee again firmly reinforced the position set in stone by English courts over 300 years ago, when voluntary associations were primarily 'gentleman's clubs' for those with titles like 'earl' and 'baron' and when slavery and oppression of women were still applauded.